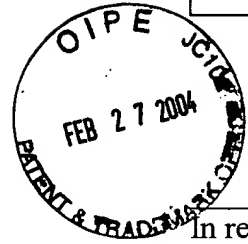


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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.114 concerning a "submission" to be filed with a Request for Continued Prosecution, Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment. It is respectfully requested that the above-identified case be amended as follows prior to its further substantive consideration by the Examiner:

Introductory Comments

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.